



# HIV Care Network NEWS

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"I would feel more optimistic about a bright future for man if he spent less time proving that he can outwit Nature and more time tasting her sweetness and respecting her seniority."

### E. B. White

US author & humorist (1899 - 1985)

## Ryan White Care Act Reauthorization

The Ryan White Care Act (RWCA) is a comprehensive approach to providing medical care, antiretroviral treatments, and counseling and testing for those in need of HIV/AIDS assistance. The RWCA is federal legislation that is reauthorized every five years. The next reauthorization is due September 2005.

The U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services released the RWCA Reauthorization Principles on July 27, 2005.

**If enacted as written, the principles would have a devastating effect on funding for New York State.**

Although there are additional principles, the New York State Department of Health notes that the following three principles are the primary, critical principles to address:

- 1. Establishing a "severity of need for core services index" or SNCSI.** NYS strongly opposes the establishment of the SNCSI. States such as NYS that provide state funding for HIV/AIDS services would receive a lower level of funding from the federal government than states that do not provide funding or provide a lower level of funding for HIV/AIDS services in their state.
- 2. Eliminating the "double counting" of cases** between major metropolitan areas and the states. NYS strongly opposes this principle. Please note that the term "double counting" is misleading. The current formula provides for additional funds for regions in a state that have a high number of HIV/AIDS cases. Eliminating the current funding formulas would negatively impact funding to NY and other high-prevalence states.
- 3. Requiring 75% of RWCA funding be used for core medical services-**NYS opposes this principle. Current funding provides for medical and supportive services. Requiring 75% of funding to be used for medical services may be detrimental to the effective provision of services to persons living with HIV/AIDS. NYS advocates that local communities determine the need for medical and supportive services.

**Contact your local state and federal legislators to educate them regarding the need for continued federal funding from the Ryan White Care Act for New York.**

Please contact the Network at 778-2858 if you need more information regarding this issue.

The *Network News* is a publication of the Binghamton Tri-County HIV Care Network.

The Broome County Health Department is the Lead Agency for the Binghamton Tri-County HIV Care Network.

*The Mission of the HIV Care Network is to improve the quality of life of individuals and families impacted by HIV and AIDS. This mission is achieved by fostering a coordinated, comprehensive, and accessible system for health and social support services for persons and their families who are infected with or affected by HIV and AIDS.*

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**Steering Committee Members**

Rosalind Wright, Network Chair

Greta Immermann, Network Co-Chair

Alfreda Archie	Nancy McGowan
Beverly Arnold	Yvonne Newell
Matt Asma	Jack Patterson
Robin Bronner	Sondra Pruden
Bill Hartrum	Jim Sheridan
Lisa Kocak	Jane Sindoni
Elaine Mallison	Becky Smith
Craig McFarland	Mike Whalen

**Legislative Awareness Day**

This year the Network will hold its annual Legislative Awareness Day in Tioga County on Friday, October 14, 2005. Tioga Opportunities, Inc. has offered the use of their community room, located at 9 Sheldon Guiles Blvd., Owego. The event will begin at 9:30 am. More details will be announced when they are finalized. This is the first time the Legislative Awareness event has been held outside of Broome County. The Network plans to rotate the location of this annual event among the three counties.

**World AIDS Day 2005**

**Locally:**

The Community Awareness Committee is planning to hold a World AIDS Day Program in Binghamton at Trinity Church and the Tioga County Workgroup is planning to hold their third annual World AIDS Day Program in Owego. Plans will be announced when finalized.

**Albany:**

Dr. Novello will present the Commissioner's Distinguished Service Awards in Albany on December 1, 2005 in Meeting Room 6 on the Concourse at 1 PM.

Also, there will be a display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt from Tuesday, Nov. 29-Thursday, Dec. 1, 2005 at the Convention Center in Albany. An opening ceremony will be held at 9 am on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> and the closing ceremony will be held at 3 pm on Dec. 1, 2005. The display is open from 9 am-5 pm with evening hours on Wednesday until 8 pm. For more information on the events in Albany, call the NYS Dept. of Health at 866-362-7946 or e-mail [mbv01@health.state.ny.us](mailto:mbv01@health.state.ny.us).

**Network Staffing Changes**

Please note that Mary Beth Muscolo, Program Assistant, will no longer be working on the HIV Care Network Grant effective Monday, Oct. 10, 2005 as she will be working for the Environmental Health Division. The Network will not be replacing Mary Beth, so all future correspondence needs to be directed to the Network Coordinator, Sandy Kosty, at 778-3066.

Also, Melissa Brennan is the new Lead Agency Supervisor for the Network. Melissa is a Nurse Practitioner in the STD and HIV Clinics.

## Upcoming Events At a Glance

### **Health Literacy**

A workshop for health professionals  
Featured Speaker: Helen Osborne, a nationally known expert on Health Literacy

Dates & Locations:

**Sept. 27, 2005:** Eaton Center, Norwich, NY

**Sept. 29, 2005:** Cortland, NY

All of the above programs are held from 8 AM – Noon  
Call Chenango Health Network 607-337-4128 to register or for more information. There is no fee.

### **“Innovations in Community Collaborations: Reaching 100% Access to Care”**

Annual Meeting, Community Forum & Volunteer Recognition Event of the Rural Health Network

**Date: Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2005**

**Time: 8 – 10 AM**

**Location:** Holiday Inn Arena, Binghamton

For more information: call 607.692.7669 or [www.ruralhealthnetwork.org](http://www.ruralhealthnetwork.org)

### **Doggone Fun on the Run**

Fundraiser for STAP's Pets Are Wonderful Program

**Date: Sunday, Oct. 30, 2005**

**Time: Registration 11 am; Walk Begins at Noon**

Location: Otseningo Park, Binghamton

For more information, contact Tom at STAP: 798-1706

### **“Rebuilding Lives: Overcoming the Impact of Domestic Violence on Families and Children”**

Guest Speaker: Lundy Bancroft, B.A.

**Date: Friday, Nov. 4, 2005**

**Time: 9 AM – 4 PM**

Location: Binghamton Regency Hotel

Provided by: Broome County Family Violence Prevention Council

For more information: Call 778-2153 or on web at: [www.gobroomecounty.com/departments/fvpc.php](http://www.gobroomecounty.com/departments/fvpc.php)

### **Southern Tier AIDS Program's Annual Event**

**Date: Friday, November 4, 2005**

Location: Binghamton Club

Food-Music-Auction-More!

## Upcoming Network Meetings:

**Thursday, Oct. 13, 2005 Time: 9 am**

### ***Tioga County Workgroup***

Topic: Planning for Legislative Awareness Project & more

Location: Tioga County Health Department (new building)

**Wednesday, October 19, 2005 Time: 11 AM - 12:30 PM**

### ***Consumer Advisory Board***

Topic: Review workplan; discuss plans for World AIDS Day

Location: Broome County Health Department

**Thursday, Nov. 3, 2005 Time: 2 PM – 4 PM**

### ***Steering Committee Meeting***

Topic: to be announced

Location: Broome County Health Department

**Thursday, Nov. 2005 Time: 10 AM - Noon**

### ***Case Management Committee***

Topic: Medicare Part D- the new drug benefit

**Please note the Nov. Case Management Committee date may change to accommodate speakers from Albany and NYC-date to be announced.**

**Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005 Time: 2 PM – 4 PM**

### ***Community Awareness Committee***

Topic: Developing committee workplan for 2006-07

Location: Broome County Health Department

**Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005 Time: 2:00 PM– 4:00 PM**

### ***Quarterly Network Meeting***

Topic: Approval of workplans for 2006-07 & more!

Location: Broome County Health Department

**NOTE:** We try not to change dates/times or cancel meetings, but sometimes it happens. Therefore, please call 778-3066 to confirm meeting information.

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### **Upstate New York LGBT\* Families Conference**

**Date: Friday, Nov. 11-Sunday, Nov. 13, 2005**

Location: Binghamton Regency Hotel, Binghamton, NY

To include educational workshops, programming for children, resource fair, entertainment, and more!

For more information, go to: [www.prideandjoyfamilies.org](http://www.prideandjoyfamilies.org)

\*Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender

Check out the Network's Website at:  
[www.gobroomecounty.com/safety/hivindex.php](http://www.gobroomecounty.com/safety/hivindex.php)

## Committee News

### Steering Committee

- € Rosalind Wright, Chair, Ideal AIDS Long Term Home Health Care Program
- € Greta Immermann, Co-Chair, Southern Tier AIDS Program

The Steering committee met on Sept. 8, 2005. The Steering Committee approved a proposed change in the Network's Bylaws and the slate for Steering Committee nominations for re-election-both were voted on at the Sept. 15, 2005 Quarterly Network meeting. A discussion was held regarding increasing membership in the Network. Also, revisions to the policy for reimbursements for volunteers were discussed and the discussion will be carried over to the next meeting.

Next Meeting will be on Nov. 3, 2005

### Case Management Committee

- € Beverly Arnold, Chair, Catholic Charities
- € Nancy McGowan, Co-Chair, Binghamton Family Care Center

The Case Management Committee met on July 20, 2005. Sondra Pruden discussed the new 2005 Guidance from the AIDS Institute regarding HIV testing and the new forms. A hypothetical case was presented for the first case conference.

The next Committee meeting will be held on September 22, 2005.

### Community Awareness Committee

- € Lisa Kocak, Chair
- € Robin Bronner, Co-Chair

The Community Awareness Committee met on Sept. 15, 2005 at 2 pm as a combined meeting with the Quarterly Network Committee. Christina Kazanas from the New York AIDS Coalition (NYAC), Nancy Ordover from the Gay Men's Health Center, Christine Rivera from ADAP, and Sandi Sanzo from Broome County DSS spoke regarding the new Medicare Drug Benefit and how this program will impact persons living with HIV/AIDS.

### Consumer Advisory Board

- Bill, Chair
- Elaine, Co-Chair

The Consumer Advisory Board met on July 20, 2005. A presentation was done by Betty Pomeroy, Chaplain at UHS Hospitals on the topic of Spirituality and HIV.

The next meeting of the Consumer Advisory Board will be on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2005 from 11 AM to 12:30 PM.

## Network Workgroups

### Chenango County Workgroup

The Chenango County Workgroup held an educational program on the topic of Crystal Methamphetamine on August 4, 2005 in Norwich that was attended by over 60 people from health and human service agencies. Many requests were made to repeat this program and two additional programs are being planned in Norwich on Nov. 15, 2005. The group met on Sept. 12, 2005 to discuss plans for their educational offerings. The next meeting has not been scheduled at this time to allow members time to complete tasks for the Oct. 6, 2005 program.

### Tioga County Workgroup

The Tioga County Workgroup met on August 1, 2005. Kay Hooper from The Corner for Youth and Family Services of Lourdes Hospital discussed the services their program provides and how the program was started and developed. Members decided to discuss the need to increase awareness and testing for HIV and sexually transmitted diseases with the Board of Health in Tioga County. Lisa Kocak, Public Health Educator has been invited to do a presentation at the Board of Health meeting on Oct. 20, 2005.

The group met again on Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss plans for the Legislative Reception on Oct. 14, 2005 in Owego.

The next meeting of the Tioga County Workgroup is Thursday, Oct. 13, 2005 at 11 am at the new Tioga County Health Department.

Call Lisa at 687-8574 for more information.

### Mental Health Ad-hoc Committee

- John Barry, STAP, Chair

A Mental Health Ad-hoc Committee has been convened to do an assessment of the mental health services in the three county region. The purpose is to determine if there are any gaps in services for persons living with HIV/AIDS and to assess needs identified by mental health providers. The committee will then develop recommendations to address any identified gaps and needs. For more information about this committee, please contact the Network Coordinator.

New members for the above committees and workgroups are continually welcomed. Call Sandy at 778-3066 for more information about membership or to confirm meeting dates.

### Free STD Testing and Treatment

Men and women of child-bearing age are eligible to receive free birth control, free exams, free HIV testing and free STD testing and treatment under a new Medicaid-sponsored Initiative, the Family Planning Benefit Program, offered by Planned Parenthood of South Central NY. Requirements include:

- € NYS resident
- € Satisfactory immigration status
- € Not currently enrolled in Medicaid or Family Health Plus
- € Meet income guidelines

If a patient does not qualify for this program, all of Planned Parenthood's services are confidential and available on a sliding fee scale. Services can also be billed to Medicaid and most insurance plans. No one is turned away due to their inability to pay. For more information, call the Planned Parenthood nearest you at 800-230-PLAN. Office locations include Binghamton, Lisle, Norwich, Oneonta, Sidney and Walton.

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The Network has been promoting opportunities to educate the community and increase awareness of the dangers of crystal methamphetamine-here's why:

#### **“Study Confirms Role of Meth in HIV”**

[Aug.1 6, 2005] CDC HIV/STD/TB Prevention News Update

A study involving 3,000 San Franciscans who took anonymous HIV tests in 2000 and 2001 confirms that Crystal Methamphetamine use is a risk factor in the U.S. HIV epidemic. Of 300 people who reported using crystal meth, 6% were recently infected with HIV. Among people who used crystal meth during sexual encounters, the infection rate was close to 8%. Among people who did not use crystal meth, only 2% had recently been infected with HIV. Crystal meth lowers inhibitions and encourages riskier sexual behavior with multiple partners. These risk factors place the user at an increased risk for HIV infection. The report “Amphetamine Use Is Associated with Increased HIV Incidence Among Men Who Have Sex with Men in San Francisco” was published in AIDS (2005;19(13):1423-1424.

San Francisco Chronicle (08.16.05)::Rachel Gordon

### Antiretroviral Therapy Guidelines Update

The NYS Dept. of Health, AIDS Institute, announced revisions to the antiretroviral (ARV) therapy guidelines. The updates include a new algorithm to assist in decision making regarding initiation of ARV therapy; a new algorithm to assist in monitoring patients receiving ARV; and additional information. The guidelines can be found at: [http://www.hivguidelines.org/public\\_html/a-arv/a-arv.htm](http://www.hivguidelines.org/public_html/a-arv/a-arv.htm).

### Commissioner's Recognition Award

Each year, the NYS AIDS Institute requests that the Network send 2 nominations to them for consideration for the Commissioner's Recognition Award. The award is given annually to one nominee from each Network to recognize the person or group for their significant contribution to HIV/AIDS prevention or HIV/AIDS health care. This year four nominations were received. The Nominees were:

1. The Tioga County Workgroup's initial members: Lisa Kocak, Jane Sindoni, Kathy Medovich and Lynn Wool
2. Tina Edwards, Director of Chenango Health Network
3. Nancy McGowan, Case Manager for Binghamton Family Care Center, and
4. Dr. Darlene Denzien of Lourdes Center for Family Health

The Steering Committee selected two nominations to send to Albany. The following two nominations were sent to the AIDS Institute for consideration for the award: the Tioga County Workgroup and Nancy McGowan.

The AIDS Institute will announce later this year which of the two nominees receives the award. We will let you know who receives the award as soon as we are notified.

Dr. Novello will preside at the World AIDS Day Award Ceremony in Albany on December 1, 2005 in meeting room 6 on the Concourse at 1 pm. The award ceremony is open to the public.

Congratulations to all the nominees!

### HIV/AIDS and Nutrition

For people living with HIV/AIDS, good nutrition plays a key role in staying healthy. Nutrition therapy, in combination with the appropriate antiretroviral treatment regimen, can extend and improve the quality and quantity of life. Here are some helpful dietary suggestions:

1. Have high-calorie protein drinks or shakes. Adding powdered milk can increase the nutrition in other drinks
2. Drink 8 to 10 glasses of filtered water each day
3. Keep nutritious snacks on hand
4. Eat high-calorie foods if you're losing weight
5. Call your doctor if you lose 5 pounds or more when you didn't want to
6. Talk to your doctor about taking a multivitamin every day. Take your multivitamin with a meal so your stomach won't get upset

For additional resources, check out:

\* AIDS Education and Training Center's *Health Care and HIV: Nutritional Guide for Providers and Clients* (<http://www.aidsetc.org/aidsetc?page=et-30-20-01>);

\* The Nutrition and Exercise page of the National Library of Medicine's Specialized Information Services (SIS) web site; (<http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/hiv/nutrition.html>);

\* *HRSA CareAction* publication issue on Nutrition (<http://hab.hrsa.gov/publications/aug04/>); and

\* *USDA Web site's Food and Nutrition Center* (<http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/etext/000062.html>).

[Aug. 5, 2005] AIDSinfo At-a-Glance. Issue No. 25. [AIDSinfo.nih.gov](http://AIDSinfo.nih.gov).

### "Pediatricians Denounce Abstinence-Only Education"

[July 6, 2005] CDC HIV/STD/TB Prevention News Update

The American Academy of Pediatricians (AAP) revised their policy to recommend doctors counsel their patients to postpone sexual activity, but also to ensure that all teens have access to birth control, including emergency contraception. The AAP cited 2003 government data that showed that 45% of high school girls and 48% of high school boys have had sexual intercourse. The revised policy, "Adolescent Pregnancy: Current Trends and Issues" was published in the journal *Pediatrics* [2005; 116 (1):281-286].

Associated Press (07.05.05)::Lindsey Tanner

### Study of Attitudes Regarding HIV Vaccine Research

[Aug. 9, 2005] CDC HIV/STD/TB Prevention News Update

A study of 1,051 adults in the United States conducted between Dec. 2002 and Feb. 2003 by members of the HIV Vaccine Communications Campaign of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases was done to ascertain attitudes regarding HIV vaccine research. Researchers found:

- € 47% of African Americans; 26% of Hispanics; 13% of MSM; and 18% of general population believe that an HIV vaccine exists but is being kept a secret
- € 78% of African Americans; 68% of MSM; 57% of Hispanics and 24% of the general population either did not know or believed incorrectly that HIV vaccines being tested can cause HIV infection
- € 77% of MSM; 22% of African Americans; 15% of the general population; and 11% of Hispanics cited HIV/AIDS as the most urgent health problem
- € Women had less HIV vaccine research knowledge and awareness than men
- € 89% of Hispanics and MSM; 86% of African Americans; and 73% of the general population thought it was important to support HIV vaccine research
- € 68% of MSM; 46% of Hispanics; 35% of African Americans and 29% of the general population expressed strong support for family members or friends who volunteer for HIV vaccine trial.

The results of the study will assist HIV vaccine researchers to plan for increasing community support for research and to plan for decreasing barriers to HIV vaccine research trials.

The full study can be found on the website of the *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes* (July 28, 2005) and will be in print soon.

### "The Time is Now!"

"The Time is Now! The State of AIDS in Black America" is a publication of the Black AIDS Institute that explains the political and social forces that affect the HIV/AIDS epidemic on African American communities and the nation's response to those forces. It includes discussion of prevention challenges and identification of barriers to reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS. It is available on-line at: [www.blackaids.org](http://www.blackaids.org).

## News from Around the World

### **“HIV Positive Women, Children in Russia Face Widespread Discrimination, Abuse, Report Says”**

[July 5, 2005] Kaiser Daily HIV/AIDS Report

A Human Rights Watch (HRW) report released on the BBC News reports that HIV-positive women and children in Russia often face widespread discrimination and abuse from health care professionals. The report noted that women face discrimination and at times are denied treatment. HIV-positive infants who are abandoned at birth are segregated in orphanages or hospital units as people are afraid of coming in contact with the infants. HRW criticized the Russian government for failing to adequately address the AIDS crisis in the country and for failing to protect HIV-positive women and children. The Russian government reports 307,000 cases of HIV; however experts predict more than one million people in Russia are infected with HIV and as many as one million Russians could die of AIDS by 2008. The report recommended ending the segregation of HIV-positive infants and more education for medical and child care workers.

### **“Scotland on Track to Exceed Highest Annual Number of New HIV Cases”**

[August 5, 2005] The Kaiser Daily HIV/AIDS Report

Scotland has reported 196 new cases of HIV between January and June 2005. At this rate, Scotland will likely report more new cases of HIV in one year since they began offering testing in 1985. The previous high was in 2004 when 365 new cases were detected. Of the 196 new cases, 89 report heterosexual contact; 61 report as men who have sex with men; and 10 report as injection drug users. Among the heterosexual contacts, 55 of the 89 were mostly recent immigrants from sub-Saharan Africa. There are approximately 3,000 HIV-positive people living in Scotland. The not-for-profit group HIV Scotland notes a concern that students in Catholic and rural schools needs HIV/AIDS education and awareness programs. The Scottish government is providing \$15 million to fight the HIV epidemic.

### **Canada: “Emerging Face of AIDS: Heterosexual Females May Not Know They Are HIV-Positive Until They Nearly Die”**

[Aug. 9, 2005] CDC HIV/STD/TB Prevention News Update

Canada’s Center for Infectious Disease Prevention and Control found that heterosexual women are surpassing men who have sex with men in newly acquired HIV infections. In 2002, the number of HIV-infected females rose to 25.4% from 12% in 1997. The executive director of the AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington, Brian Warrington, believes the number of HIV-infected women could be higher. According to Dr. Anne-Marie Zajdlik, many HIV-females do not know they are HIV-positive until they nearly die.

### **“More than Half Young Adult Swazis Have HIV: Survey”**

[April 6, 2005] CDC HIV/STD/TB Prevention News Update

A survey conducted in 2004 by the Swaziland National AIDS Task Force found that 56% of the nation’s adults aged 25-29 are infected with HIV. The HIV infection rate rose to 42.6% from 38.6% for persons aged 19-49. Activists say reluctance to test for HIV and a cultural taboo against admitting illness are fueling the epidemic.

### **“Circumcision Might Reduce Risk of HIV Transmission From Woman to Man by About 70%, Study Says”**

[July 5, 2005] The Kaiser Daily HIV/AIDS Report

A study conducted by French and South African researchers revealed that male circumcision can reduce the risk of men contracting HIV through sexual intercourse with women by about 70%. The researchers studied 3,000 HIV-negative men aged 18-24 years who were randomly assigned to either a control group remaining uncircumcised or to the group that was circumcised. For every 10 circumcised men who contracted HIV, only 3 men who were circumcised contracted HIV. The study was to last longer, but due to the drastic results, the study was stopped early and the uncircumcised men were offered circumcisions. It is hoped that as a result of this study that circumcision could become an effective means to assist in curbing the spread of HIV.

**Broome County Health Department's HIV/AIDS Training Program  
July – December 2005**

<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Date offered</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location of Training</i>
Streamlined HIV Testing	Sept. 28	9 AM – 1 PM	Binghamton
HIV Testing: Skills Practice Session	Sept. 29	9 AM – 5 PM	Binghamton
HIV/AIDS Confidentiality Law	Oct. 4	9 AM – 1 PM	Binghamton
Overview of TB & the TB/HIV Connection	Oct. 19	1 PM – 4 PM	Binghamton
HIV/AIDS Treatment Update	Oct. 27	9 AM – 1 PM	Binghamton
Basic Information About Domestic Violence	Nov. 8	9 AM – 5 PM	Binghamton
What's New in HIV & AIDS	Nov. 15	9 AM – Noon	Binghamton
Building Bridges to Cultural Competency	Nov. 30	9 AM – 5 PM	Binghamton
HIV Post-Exposure Prophylaxis	Dec. 1	9 AM -4:30 PM	Binghamton
Streamlined HIV Testing	Dec. 7	9 AM – 1 PM	Binghamton
HIV Testing: Skills Practice Session	Dec. 8	9 AM – 5 PM	Binghamton
Domestic Violence in L,G,T,B Communities	Dec. 13	9 AM – 5 PM	Binghamton

*Note: All of the above trainings are free!!!!!!!!!!*

*To register, or for more information, call: Brenda Crone (607) 778-2855*

**Other Educational Offerings available include:**

- 1. NYS Department of Health AIDS Institute.** For information, go to:  
[www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/aids/training.htm](http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/aids/training.htm).
- 2. Leadership Training Institute (LTI)** – a statewide initiative that provides training, skills building, motivation and education to people living with HIV and AIDS. Training programs include community organizing, planning and decision making, advocacy and policy-making advice.

For more information, call 1-866-PWA-Lead or contact the Network at 778-3066 for more information.

- 3. NYS Dept. of Health's Fourth Annual Hepatitis C Conference**  
Dates: **Nov. 1, 2005** in Buffalo, NY and **Nov. 15, 2005** in New York City  
More information to be provided when available or contact Colleen Flannigan at [hcvconf@health.state.ny.us](mailto:hcvconf@health.state.ny.us)
- 4. HIV/AIDS Rural Conference**  
Topics: healthy sexuality, statistics regarding rural HIV/AIDS, youth presentation, and raves and club drugs and other roundtable discussions.  
Date: **Friday, Oct. 21, 2005** Location: Holiday Inn, Ellicottville, NY  
For more information: Call the AIDS Network at: 1-716-882-7840
- 5. Training – HIV Post Exposure Prophylaxis**  
Date: **Friday, Dec. 2, 2005** Location: Broome County Health Dept., 225 Front St., Binghamton, NY  
For more information: Contact Brenda Crone at 607-778-2855

**Support Groups**

**The DRAGONSLAYERS**

Hep C and Co-Infection Support Group  
Alternate Tuesdays

Call Kevin Littlejohn at STAP for more information  
798-1706 or 1-800-333-0892  
Email [hepcaware@stapinc.org](mailto:hepcaware@stapinc.org)

**Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier**  
771-8888

**HIV/AIDS Support Group**

1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month and is facilitated by  
Susan Button. For information contact STAP at 798-1706 or  
1-800-333-0892.

**Anonymous\* & Confidential  
HIV Testing Sites:**

- \* Broome County Health Dept.....(607) 778-2839
  - \* Chenango Memorial Hospital .....(607) 337-4217
  - \* Partner Notification Assistance Program.1-800-541-2437
  - \* Planned Parenthood Binghamton.....(607) 723-8306
  - \* Planned Parenthood Norwich.....(607) 334-6378
  - \* Tioga County Health Dept.....(607) 687-8600
  - \* Tioga Opportunities Program.....(607) 687-5333
  - \* Southern Tier AIDS Program.....1-800-333-0892
  - \* NYS SIDA (Spanish).....1-800-233-7432
- Others in New York State call..... 1-800-562-9423

\* Anonymous testing is free\*

**Department of Social Services**

Broome County.....778-2669  
Chenango County.....337-1531  
Tioga County.....1-800-548-4642

**First Call for Help**

Broome County .....729-9100  
Chenango County.....1-800-227-5353  
Tioga County.....1-800-266-5252

**Legal AID for Broome and Chenango, Inc.**

(607) 723-7966 Binghamton  
(607) 336-8256 Norwich

**Syringe Exchange Program (SEP)**

1-888-206-2870

**AIDS DRUGS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ADAP)  
1-800-542-2437**

If you have questions or concerns about access to  
AIDS medications, are eligible for the AIDS Drug  
Assistance Program, and are on a Medicaid spend-  
down, please call the ADAP program.

**Broome/Tioga LGBTQ Youth Coalition**

Contact:

Claudia Stallman, 724-4308, ext. 21 or  
[lesgayfamblgd@aol.com](mailto:lesgayfamblgd@aol.com) or  
Becky Green, 798-1706 or [bgreen@stapinc.org](mailto:bgreen@stapinc.org)

**FRIENDS: Weekly Dinner & Social Hour**

For persons infected or affected by HIV/AIDS,  
& their friends and family members.  
For information, call Bill at 724-0103

**HIV/AIDS Information in Spanish**

[www.AIDSmeds.com/espanol](http://www.AIDSmeds.com/espanol)

**CDC National AIDS Hotline TTY Service:  
1-800-243-7889**

All calls are free and private. This Hotline provides  
information regarding HIV, AIDS or Sexually Transmitted  
Diseases.

The following programs are Ryan White Title II funded  
services. It is not our intention to exclude other programs  
that may serve persons with HIV/AIDS. If you would like  
your program listed in the Newsletter, please call the  
Network office at 778-3066.

**HIV/AIDS Counseling Program**

Outpatient Mental Health Clinic  
Binghamton General Hospital  
Summit Building, 33 Mitchell Ave., Binghamton  
**(607) 762-3254**

**Project Uplift / Mental Health Association**

Counseling & Psychiatric Consultation Serving  
Mentally Ill/Chemically Addicted  
164 Court Street, Binghamton  
**(607) 771-8353**

**The Treatment Literacy S.M.A.R.T. Initiative**

Education and consultation on HIV Treatment Issues  
for persons living with HIV/AIDS and health and  
human service providers  
(607) 798-1706 OR 1- 800-333-0892  
The Southern Tier AIDS Program  
122 Baldwin Street, Johnson City, NY

# Community Resources Page

## Dental Care

- £ **Broome County DSS**  
(Serving Broome County Residents Only)  
(607) 778-2669
  - £ **BCC Dental Hygiene Clinic**  
(Serving Broome and Surrounding Counties)  
(607) 778-5015
  - £ **Chenango Health Network**  
(Serving Chenango County Residents Only)  
(607) 337-4128
  - £ **Lourdes Center for Oral Health**  
(for children up to age 18 and their families)  
(607) 584-4545
  - £ **UHS Dental Services**  
(607) 762-2005
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## Domestic Violence Resources

- £ **A New Hope Center**  
(Tioga & Surrounding Counties)  
1-800-696-7600 OR 687-6866
  - £ **Catholic Charities**  
(Chenango County)  
Crime Victims/Domestic Violence  
(607) 336-1101
  - £ **Crime Victims Assistance Center**  
Non-residential services for domestic violence  
722-4256 24hr hotline
  - £ **NYS Domestic Violence Hotline:**  
1-800-942-6906 English  
1-800-942-6908 Spanish
  - £ **SOS Shelter**  
(Serving Broome and Surrounding Counties)  
754-4340 24 hr hotline
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## Financial Assistance

- £ **ADAP**  
1-800-542-2437
- £ **Broome County DSS**  
(Serving Broome County Residents Only)  
(607) 778-2504
- £ **Chenango County DSS**  
(Serving Chenango County Residents Only)  
(607) 337-1531
- £ **Mothers & Babies Perinatal Network  
Of South Central New York, Inc.**  
(607) 772-0517 or 1-800-231-0744
- £ **Tioga County DSS**  
(Serving Tioga County Residents Only)  
1-800-548-4642

## Food Banks

- £ **Catholic Charities Food Pantry/Nutrition**  
(Serving Broome and Surrounding Counties)  
(607) 723-4563
  - £ **Open Door Mission**  
Owego (607) 687-1121  
Waverly (607) 565-7710
  - £ **Salvation Army Emergency Assistance Program**  
(Serving Broome and Surrounding Counties)  
(607) 722-2987
  - £ **Tioga County Rural Ministry**  
(Serving Broome and Surrounding Counties)  
(607) 687-3021
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## STD Testing

- £ **Broome County Health Department**  
(Serving Broome & Surrounding Counties)  
(607) 778-2839
  - £ **Chenango County Health Department**  
(Serving Chenango County Residents Only)  
(607) 337-1660
  - £ **Planned Parenthood of  
Broome** (607) 723-8306  
(Serving Broome County Residents Only)  
**Chenango** (607) 334-6378  
(Serving Chenango County Residents Only)
  - £ **Tioga County Health Department**  
(Serving Tioga County Residents Only)  
(607) 687- 8600
  - £ **Tioga Opportunities Program**  
(Serving Tioga County Residents Only)  
(607) 687-5333
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## Transportation

- £ **Broome County DSS**  
(Serving Broome County Residents Only)  
(607) 778-2627
- £ **Broome County Public Transport**  
(Serving Broome County Residents Only)  
(607) 763-4464
- £ **Chenango County DSS**  
(Serving Chenango County Residents Only)  
(607) 337-1531
- £ **Tioga County DSS**  
(Serving Tioga County Residents Only)  
(887) 882-8313
- £ **Tioga County Public Transit**  
(Serving Tioga County Residents Only)  
(607) 699-3432
- £ **Tioga County Transit Service**  
(Serving Tioga County Residents Only)  
(607) 334-7433

